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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 57.0 degrees, 5.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 22. Precipitation averaged 0.49 inches, 0.19 inches below normal. The Southwest district received the most rainfall with 0.86 inches. Since April 1, Ohio has received 26.50 inches of precipitation. This is 2.83 inches above normal.

Reporters rated 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, October 20. This is 1.0 days behind 1999 and 0.7 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	4.9	5.0	126.3
1999	5.9	4.4	165.6
1995-1999	5.6	5.4	142.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	89	9
Last Week	0	3	86	11
Same Week Last Year	16	33	50	1
1995-1999 Average	7	25	64	4

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

Corn advanced five points to 96 percent mature. This is 15 days behind 1999 but two days ahead of the 1995-99 average. Corn is 37 percent harvested for grain, fourteen days behind last year and one day behind the 1995-99 average. Corn harvested for silage is 94 percent complete. This is eleven days behind 1999 but three days ahead of the five-year average.

Soybeans are 96 percent mature. This is 19 days behind 1999 and eight days behind the 1995-99 average. Soybeans advanced 15 points to 73 percent harvested. This is about twelve days behind last year and three days behind the five-year average.

Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is 88 percent complete, 18 days behind 1999. **Other hay** third cutting is 95 percent complete. This is 19 days behind 1999 and twelve days behind the 1995-99 average.

Tobacco is 19 percent stripped, compared to 14 percent stripped last year at this time. **Winter wheat** is 82 percent planted, five days behind 1999 and three days behind the 1995-99 average. Winter wheat advanced 27 points to 44 percent emerged. This is about six days behind last year and three days behind the 1995-99 average. **Fall and winter apples** are 89 percent harvested, two days ahead of 1999.

Activities for the week included harvesting corn and soybeans; making hay; sowing wheat; spreading lime and fertilizer; fall tillage; chisel plowing; transporting and drying grain; hauling manure; seeding rye; harvesting silage; cutting firewood; inspecting Christmas trees; harvesting fruits and vegetables; shelling corn; and maintaining buildings and equipment.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reported weed pressures included giant foxtail, Canadian thistle, giant ragweed, and lambsquarters. Reported insects included corn borers, lady bugs, squash bugs, box elder beetles, mites, and aphids. Reported diseases were anthracnose stalk rot in corn, mildew on vegetables, and mold on pumpkins.

The corn and soybean harvest is progressing slightly slower than last year. Harvest has been delayed in the North Central district due to wet conditions and high humidity. Frost damage in several areas has lowered yield expectations and further delayed crop maturity.

The fruit and vegetable harvest is winding down for another year. Pepper picking is complete in Seneca county, and producers in Geauga county are done harvesting apples and pumpkins.

Livestock were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state. Producers are weaning and selling feeder calves in Wayne, Monroe, Guernsey, Highland, and Ross counties. Reporters rated pasture conditions 71 percent good to excellent. Last year at this time, pasture conditions were only 24 percent good to excellent.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples (fall & winter) harvested	89	85	NA	80	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	88	100	NA	84	NA
Corn mature	96	100	94	91	NA
Corn harvested for grain	37	64	39	24	66
Corn harvested for silage	94	100	91	92	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	95	100	100	93	NA
Soybeans mature	96	100	NA	87	NA
Soybeans harvested	73	85	79	58	74
Tobacco stripped	19	14	NA	18	NA
Winter wheat planted	82	88	87	61	64
Winter wheat emerged	44	66	53	17	28

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	24	48	23
Previous Week	1	5	23	51	20
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
HAY					
Current Week	0	5	20	56	19
Previous Week	1	4	19	57	19
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE					
Current Week	2	4	23	55	16
Previous Week	1	5	23	56	15
Previous Year	15	27	34	22	2
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	2	9	30	43	16
Previous Week	3	9	28	45	15
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
WHEAT					
Current Week	0	1	25	61	13
Previous Week	0	2	28	58	12
Previous Year	0	1	18	63	18

WEATHER INFORMATION TABLE FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	57.2	6.2	0.15	-0.53	28.16	6.29	69	24	3082	0
North Central	56.9	5.6	0.24	-0.38	28.57	6.02	61	16	2963	-71
Northeast	56.2	5.3	0.13	-0.51	25.16	1.51	53	8	2785	-91
West Central	56.8	5.1	0.36	-0.26	28.27	5.15	62	13	3193	-16
Central	56.6	4.4	0.70	0.07	27.10	2.99	56	4	3209	-42
Central Hills	56.3	5.3	0.38	-0.21	26.19	2.27	53	7	2926	-84
Northeast Hills	56.4	5.0	0.29	-0.32	25.57	1.83	54	5	2897	-166
Southwest	57.7	4.6	0.86	0.08	28.47	3.58	72	15	3340	-78
South Central	58.3	4.9	0.79	-0.02	24.80	0.42	69	8	3438	-21
Southeast	57.2	5.0	0.71	0.00	23.16	-1.12	61	6	3213	-46
STATE	57.0	5.1	0.49	-0.19	26.50	2.83	62	11	3126	-57

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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